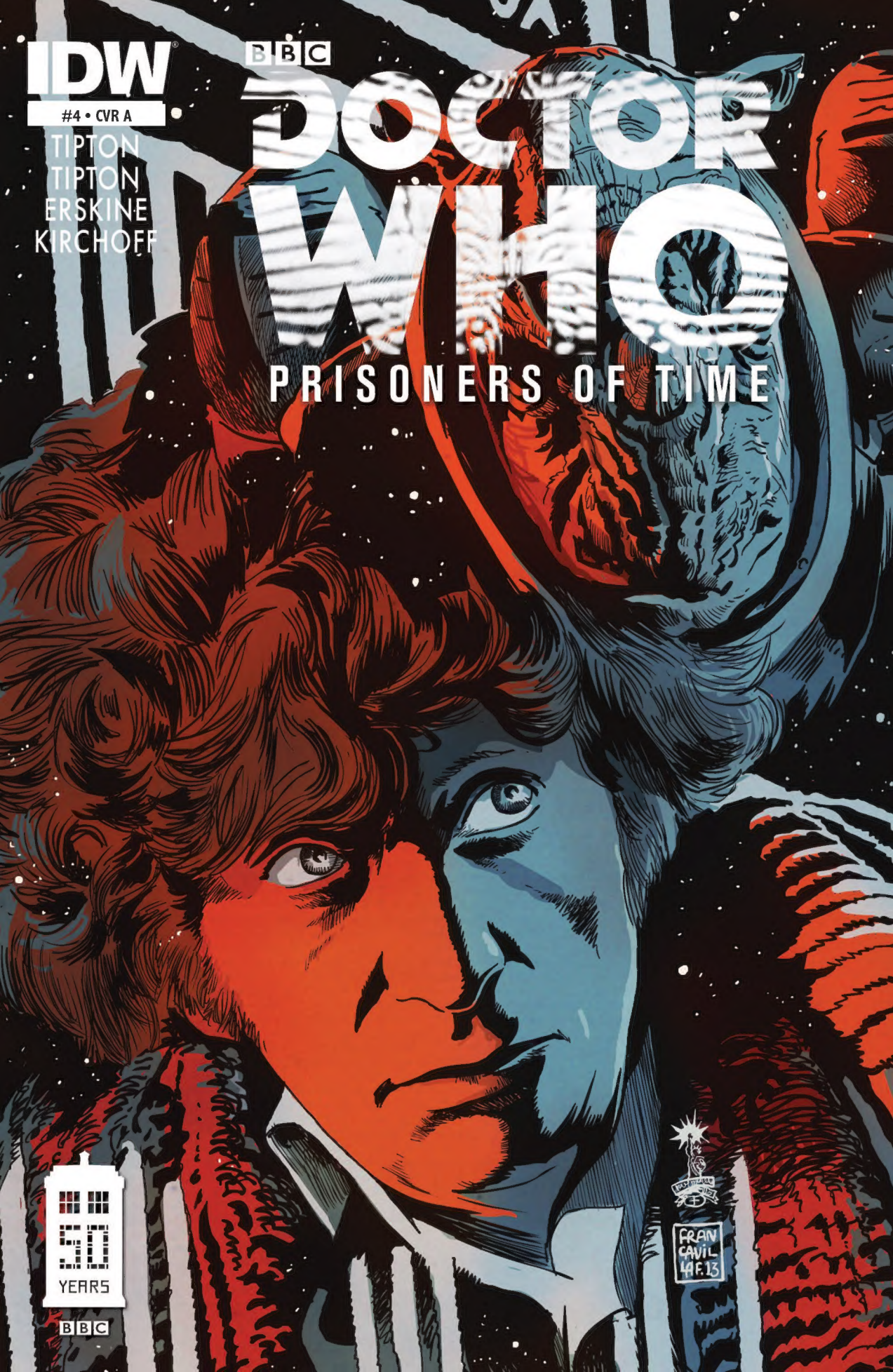
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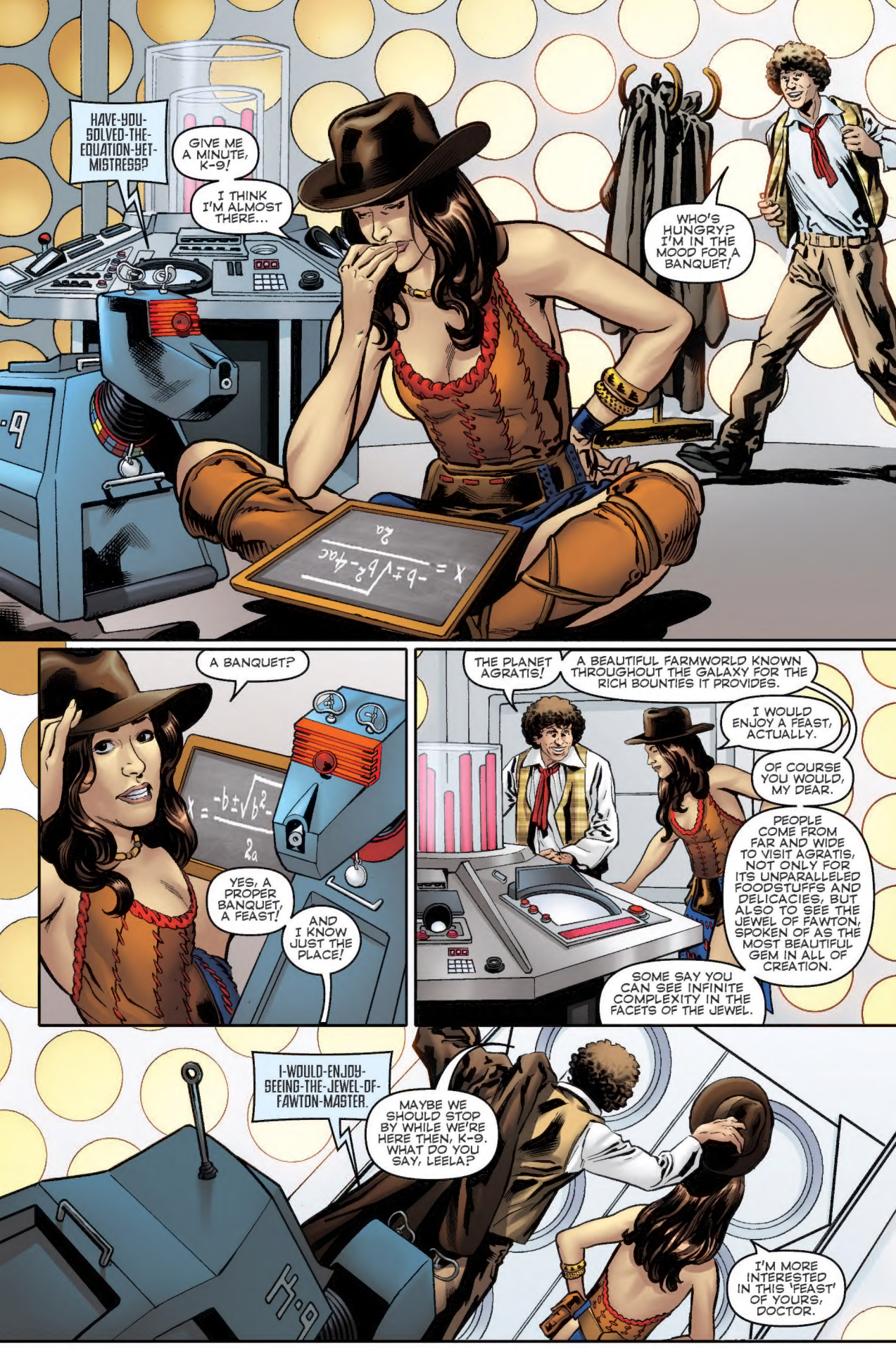

HAVE-YOU-SOLVED-THE-EQUATION-YET-MISTRESS?
GIVE ME A MINUTE, K-9!
I THINK I'M ALMOST THERE...
WHO'S HUNGRY? I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A BANQUET!
A BANQUET?
YES, A PROPER BANQUET, A FEAST!
AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE!
THE PLANET AGRATIS!
A BEAUTIFUL FARMWORLD KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY FOR THE RICH BOUNTIES IT PROVIDES.
I WOULD ENJOY A FEAST, ACTUALLY.
OF COURSE YOU WOULD, MY DEAR.
PEOPLE COME FROM FAR AND WIDE TO VISIT AGRATIS, NOT ONLY FOR ITS UNPARALLELED FOODSTUFFS AND DELICACIES, BUT ALSO TO SEE THE JEWEL OF FAWTON, SPOKEN OF AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GEM IN ALL OF CREATION.
SOME SAY YOU CAN SEE INFINITE COMPLEXITY IN THE FACETS OF THE JEWEL.
I-WOULD-ENJOY-SEEING-THE-JEWEL-OF-FAWTON-MASTER.
MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP BY WHILE WE'RE HERE THEN, K-9. WHAT DO YOU SAY, LEELA?
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THIS 'FEAST' OF YOURS, DOCTOR.

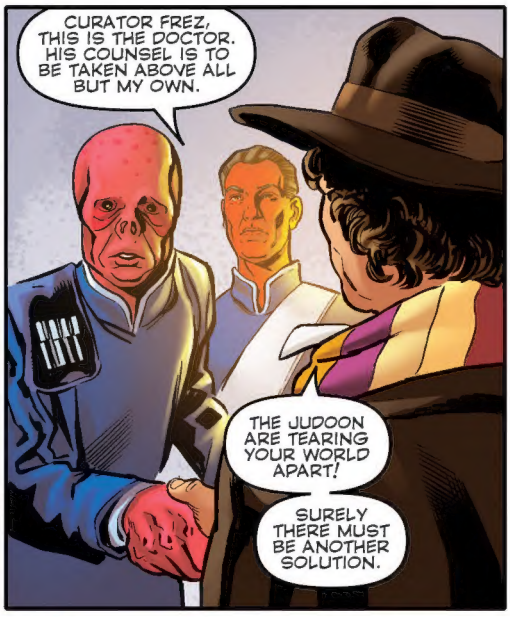
POLICE TELEPHONE
FREE FOR USE OF
HAVE NO FEAR, MY DEAR.
YOU'LL EXPERIENCE FLAVORS YOU'VE NEVER DREAMED OF—
WHAT?!
LAWBREAKERS SURRENDER.
RETURN THE STOLEN PROPERTY.
OBEY ALL LAWS.
DOCTOR, WHAT'S GOING ON?!
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE!
BUT NOW MAY NOT BE THE TIME FOR LENGTHY RUMINATIONS!

HURRY, HURRY, EVERYONE BACK INSIDE!
NOW TO GET US OUT OF—
YOWK
—WHOOP!
AH.
HELLO THERE.
POLICE PUBLIC BOX
SLAM

VWORP VWORP
WHUD
VWORP VWORP VWORP VWORP
POLICE PUBLIC BOX
'THAT WAS CLOSE, DOCTOR'!
WHAT IS HAPPENING DOWN THERE? IT LOOKED LIKE ALL-OUT WAR!
I'VE NO IDEA. I THOUGHT WE WERE MERELY STOPPING INTO THE FARMER'S MARKET.
I-HAVE-INTERCEPTED-TRANSMISSIONS-THAT-MAY-EXPLAIN-MASTER.
IT-IS-A-JUDOON-ENFORCEMENT-FLEET. THEY-ARE-HERE-AT-THE-REQUEST-OF-THE-LOCAL-AUTHORITIES.
THE JUDOON?! WHAT COULD HAVE BROUGHT THAT ABOUT?
JUDOON?
WHAT'S A JUDOON?
THE JUDOON ARE A SORT OF POLICE-FOR-HIRE, UTTERLY DEDICATED TO THE OBEDIENCE OF LAW, AND UTTERLY RUTHLESS IN ITS PURSUIT.
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT COULD REQUIRE THEM HERE...
REPORTS-INDICATE-THE-JEWEL-OF-FAWTON-HAS-BEEN-STOLEN.
STOLEN!
THIS IS GRIM.
POSITIVELY GRIM.
THE JUDOON WILL TEAR THIS WORLD APART LOOKING FOR THAT JEWEL.
LET'S PAY A VISIT TO MY FRIEND MASON. HE'S THE PROVOST OF DARSCHON, AGRATIS'S CAPITAL CITY.
HE'LL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

MASON! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, MY FRIEND.
DOCTOR!
WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK THAT YOU'VE ARRIVED!
LEELA, THIS IS MY FRIEND MASON VOX, PROVOST OF DARSCHON.
MASON, THIS IS LEELA, MY FELLOW TRAVELER. AND OF COURSE, K-9.
GREETINGS!
HULLO.
CHARMED. DOCTOR, YOU REMEMBER MY DAUGHTER, CILIA.
OF COURSE! HELLO AGAIN!
DOCTOR.
DOCTOR, I'M AFRAID WE HAVEN'T TIME FOR PLEASANTRIES.
THE JEWEL OF FAWTON HAS BEEN STOLEN!
SO I SURMISED, FROM THE PATH OF CARNAGE BEING CARVED ACROSS YOUR PLANET!
DON'T YOU THINK CALLING IN THE JUDOON WAS A BIT EXTREME?
YES, BUT YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JEWEL!
OUR ENTIRE PLANETARY ECONOMY IS CENTERED ON THE TOURISM THAT THE JEWEL CREATES.
EVERY DAY IT'S GONE, WE LOSE UNCOUNTED REVENUE!
OUR MUSEUM'S CURATOR-ECONOMIST MADE THE CALL TO HIRE THE JUDOON, AND I DIDN'T DISAGREE.
IN FACT, I'M HEADING TO THE MUSEUM NOW FOR AN UPDATE. PLEASE, ACCOMPANY ME. YOUR INSIGHT IS MOST WELCOME, DOCTOR!
WE'D BE HAPPY TO.
YOU'RE COMING AS WELL, AREN'T YOU, CILIA?
YES... YES, OF COURSE...

FREZ! IS THERE ANY NEWS?
NONE, PROVOST VOX. THE JEWEL STILL REMAINS UNFOUND.


CURATOR FREZ, THIS IS THE DOCTOR. HIS COUNSEL IS TO BE TAKEN ABOVE ALL BUT MY OWN.
THE JUDOON ARE TEARING YOUR WORLD APART!
SURELY THERE MUST BE ANOTHER SOLUTION.

I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING! BUT WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?! WE NEED THE JEWEL! WITHOUT IT, OUR ENTIRE SOCIETY IS MERELY DAYS FROM COLLAPSE!
ASK THE PROVOST! WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED TO THIS WORLD, WE HAD NOTHING!
THE TOURISM AFTER OUR DISCOVERY OF THE JEWEL MADE ALL OUR ADVANCEMENTS POSSIBLE; ALLOWED US TO CULTIVATE AND DEVELOP THE FRUITS AND DELICACIES THAT BEINGS COME FROM LIGHT YEARS AWAY TO SAMPLE!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE JEWEL!

THIS IS MADNESS.
THIS IS LAW ENFORCEMENT? THESE ARE YOUR PROTECTORS?
SUCH AS THEY ARE, MY DEAR.
SUCH AS THEY ARE...
K-9

FATHER? I... HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
I THINK ROGET MAY HAVE TAKEN THE JEWEL.

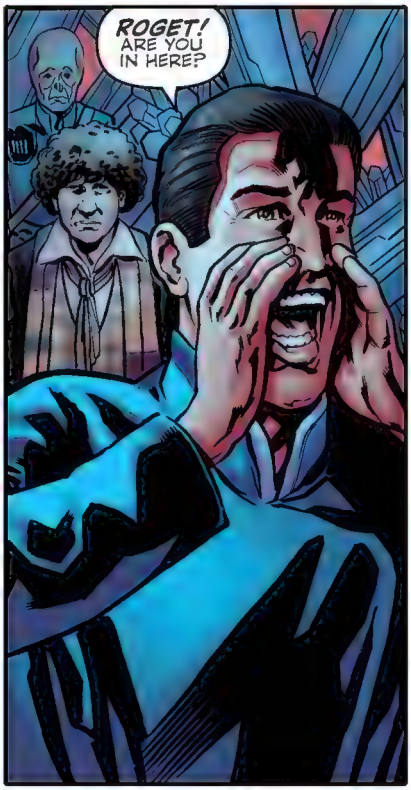
WHAT?!
THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BOYFRIEND OF YOURS?
HE'S BEEN STUDYING THE UNDERGROUND CHAMBERS IN THE KRYTUK VALLEYS FOR YEARS!
HE'S CONVINCED THE JEWEL IS THE KEY TO HIS RESEARCH.
GODS ABOVE! WE HAVE TO GO FIND HIM.
I'VE SEEN HIS SO-CALLED 'RESEARCH'.
IT'S A WASTE OF TIME.
LET THE JUDOON BRING HIM IN!
NO!
YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THEY'RE DOING OUT THERE, CURATOR.
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO LEAVE THE BOY TO THEM?
FREZ—THE BOY IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE MY SON-IN-LAW.
I COULDN'T CALL THEM OFF EVEN IF I WANTED TO. THE JUDOON ARE VERY LITERAL-MINDED.
THEIR CONTRACT CALLS FOR THEM TO GO FULL BORE UNTIL THE JEWEL IS RETURNED TO ITS PROPER HOME.
CURATOR FREZ IS RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE TO GET TO HIM FIRST.
YOUR HELP WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED, DOCTOR.
I'D HATE TO SEE THE BOY COME TO HARM, AS HAREBRAINED A MOVE AS THIS WAS.
IT'S SETTLED, THEN!
WE'LL FIND CILIA'S YOUNG MAN, REPLACE THE JEWEL, SEND THE JUDOON PACKING, AND HAVE EVERYTHING CALMED DOWN IN TIME FOR A CELEBRATORY FEAST!
WAIT! WAIT FOR ME! YOU'LL NEED MY HELP!
I HOPE IT'S AS EASY AS YOU MAKE IT SOUND, DOCTOR...
IT VERY SELDOM IS...

WELL, WELL, WELL!
THIS IS A BIT OF A TURN FOR THE WORSE!
OH MY!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK CALLING IN THE JUDOON WAS A MISTAKE.
NOT EXACTLY SUBTLE, ARE THEY?
THE JUDOON ARE NOT KNOWN FOR THEIR SUBTLETY.
CLEARLY, A DIVISION OF FORCES IS IN ORDER. MASON, FREZ, AND I WILL HEAD TO THE VALLEY TO LOCATE ROGET AND THE JEWEL.
IN ORDER FOR US TO GET THERE UNDETECTED AND UNMOLESTED BY THE JUDOON, WE'RE GOING TO NEED A DIVERSION. LEELA, THAT'S WHERE YOU AND K-9 WILL COME IN.
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, SEE IF YOU CAN'T GET THE JUDOON TO LEAVE THESE GOOD PEOPLE ALONE, WON'T YOU?
CREATE A LITTLE CHAOS, EH, K-9?
AFFIRMATIVE!
GOOD DOG.
K-9
I DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE ADVENTURE, DOCTOR!
HARDLY!
THE THREE OF US ARE JUST TRACKING DOWN AN OVERENTHUSIASTIC STUDENT.
YOU TWO, ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL BE HAVING ALL THE FUN, I SAY. AND LEELA, DO REMEMBER—
I KNOW, I KNOW—NO KILLING!

WELL, THEN. COME ALONG, GENTLEMEN.
YOU KNOW, DOCTOR, THE WHOLE PLANET WAS ONCE LIKE THIS.
THE EARLY DAYS OF THE COLONY WERE HARD, VERY HARD.
I REMEMBER. YOU WERE VERY DISCOURAGED AT ONE POINT.
BUT ONCE WE DISCOVERED THE JEWEL, THE TOURISTS CAME!
THE WORD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY OF ITS ASTONISHING BEAUTY, BRINGING VISITORS AND THEIR WEALTH TO AGRATIS.
THEN WE WERE ABLE TO BUILD CANALS AND RESERVOIRS AND IRRIGATE THE VAST TRACTS OF FARMLAND!
THIS WAY, DOCTOR.
WE WERE ON THE VERGE OF ABANDONING THE SETTLEMENT WHEN FREZ AND HIS FELLOW ARCHAEOLOGISTS FOUND THE JEWEL IN THIS CAVERN UP AHEAD.
YOU IMAGINE THAT'S WHERE ROGET WENT, FREZ?
OH, I'M PRETTY SURE.
HE KNOWS THIS IS WHERE WE FOUND THE JEWEL, AND NO DOUBT HE THINKS THAT SOMEHOW IT WILL HELP SUPPORT HIS RIDICULOUS RESEARCH.

IT'S STRANGE, DON'T YOU THINK, CURATOR, THAT THE JUDOON AREN'T HERE ALREADY?
OH, I TOLD THEM INITIALLY NOT TO BOTHER LOOKING HERE.
AFTER ALL, WHO WOULD THINK OF PUTTING THE JEWEL BACK WHERE WE FOUND IT?
HEH, HEH...
MM-HMM.

WHAT A REMARKABLE CAVERN.
YES. IT'S FULL OF THESE CRYSTALLINE WALLS AND INTRICATE STRUCTURES. AT FIRST, WE THOUGHT MAYBE THIS PLACE WOULD BE A LUCRATIVE RESOURCE FOR MINING.
BUT THE MINERALS TURNED OUT TO BE NOT VERY VALUABLE.
NOTHING IN HERE SEEMED WORTHWHILE UNTIL WE FOUND THE JEWEL.


ROGET! ARE YOU IN HERE?

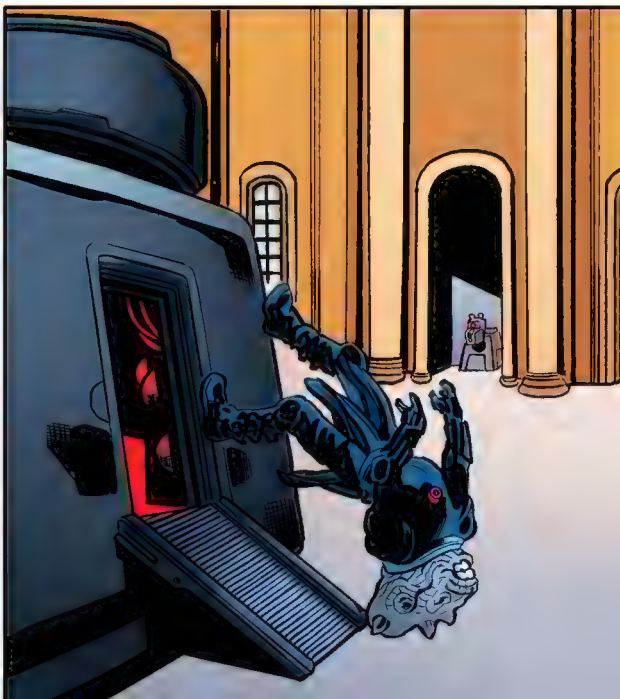
WHOPA-OPA-OOOOPA...

MASON!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, K-9?
THE-PRIMARY-METHOD-OF-DIVERSION-IS-DISTRACTION-MISTRESS.
AGREED!

THE FIRST THING WE'LL NEED IS SUPPLIES! STAY, K-9! STAY!

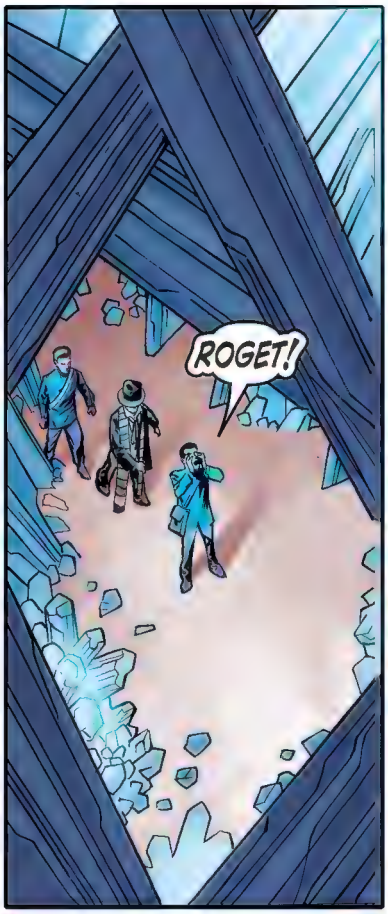
HELLO!
SHO-NO-FO-RO-GO-MO!*
*WHAT THE—



QUICKLY, K-9!
COMING-MISTRESS!
NOW-CONNECTED-TO-TANK-CONTROLS-AND-FULLY-OPERATIONAL-MISTRESS!
GOOD DOG!
NOW FOLLOW ME!
DO-NOT-FORGET-THE-DOCTOR'S-REQUEST-MISTRESS!
DON'T WORRY, K-9! I WON'T HURT A SOUL!
KRACK
NOW TRY TO KEEP UP!
VREEEEEE

VREEEEE
THAK
TAK
BOOM
BOOM
LOOK! LAWBREAKING!
ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE!
IT'S WORKING, K-9!
THEY'RE MOVING!
AFFIRMATIVE! JUDOON-TRANSMISSIONS-INDICATE-SQUADRONS-EXITING-THE-CITY!

MASON?
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE. I DIDN'T ACTUALLY FALL VERY FAR.
CAN YOU HELP ME OUT, THOUGH?
DOCTOR, I HAVE A ROPE...
THIS WILL DO JUST FINE, FREZ.
YOU'D BE SURPRISED JUST HOW HANDY THIS OLD SCARF CAN BE.
THANK YOU, BOTH!
LET'S FIND THAT BOY AND GET OUT OF HERE.
THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS.
AGREED.


ROGET!

LOOK THERE.

THAT'S HIM.
ROGET! DON'T RUN, SON. WE NEED TO TALK TO YOU!
ROGET! COME BACK! THIS IS IMPORTANT!
LOOK AT THE WAY HE'S RUNNING. HE SEEMS TO BE INJURED.

MASON, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY WON'T HE STOP, OR EVEN RESPOND?
HE'S CLEARLY BEEN HURT SOMEHOW ON THE WAY HERE, AND HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE MEAN HIM ANY HARM.
I DON'T KNOW. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
HE'S A GOOD KID. IMPETUOUS, YES, BUT A GOOD HEART.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME, MASON?
NO!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, MY FRIEND?

I'M NOT SURE. BUT I INTEND TO FIND OUT.

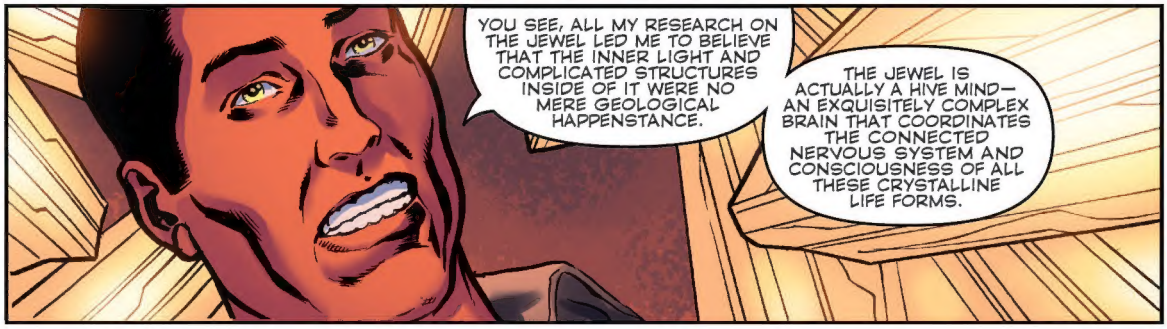
THIS IS IT, RIGHT, FREZ?
WHERE YOU FOUND THE JEWEL?
YES. WE HAVE TO CATCH HIM.
ROGET, STOP!
ROGET?

THUNK

KRRKRRRK
TAKE COVER! THE CAVERN IS COLLAPSING.
OH, I DON'T THINK SO.
REMARKABLE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. FREZ, CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?
ALL THESE CREATURES... AWAKENED?
I WAS RIGHT! I KNEW IT!

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
MAYBE.

ROGET... WHAT JUST HAPPENED?


YOU SEE, ALL MY RESEARCH ON THE JEWEL LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE INNER LIGHT AND COMPLICATED STRUCTURES INSIDE OF IT WERE NO MERE GEOLOGICAL HAPPENSTANCE.
THE JEWEL IS ACTUALLY A HIVE MIND—AN EXQUISITELY COMPLEX BRAIN THAT COORDINATES THE CONNECTED NERVOUS SYSTEM AND CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL THESE CRYSTALLINE LIFE FORMS.

WHEN THE JEWEL WAS ORIGINALLY TAKEN FROM THIS PEDESTAL, THE CRYSTALLINE CREATURES WERE IN A HIBERNATION STATE.
THEY HAVE REMAINED DORMANT ALL THE WHILE.
WITHOUT THE JEWEL, THERE WAS NOTHING TO AWAKEN THEM.
ALL THIS TIME, THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM AND PUT ON DISPLAY IN A MUSEUM.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE ALONGSIDE THESE CREATURES, GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WISH TO STAY ON THIS PLANET.
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DO IT WITHOUT YOUR TOURIST-TRAP JEWEL.
QUITE RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS PROPERLY, DOCTOR. YOU HAVE MY WORD.

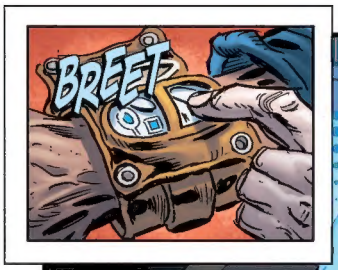
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT YOU NEED TO CALL OFF THE JUDOON, FREZ, RIGHT AWAY.
I THINK NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND THE JEWEL AND PLACED IT WITH ITS REAL, PROPER OWNERS, THAT SHOULD SATISFY THE LEGALISTIC RATIONALE OF THE JUDOON AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A CONTRACTUAL REASON TO STAND DOWN FROM THEIR SEARCH. WOULDN'T YOU SAY, CURATOR?
YES, OF COURSE.

FRZZZYRK. BRIZZL. MEK! MEK!

THEY CAN TALK?

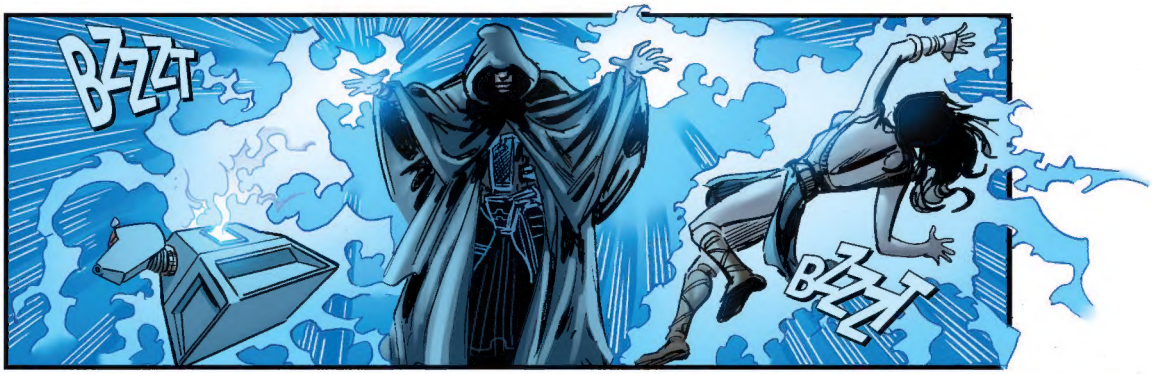
SEEMS THAT WAY.
YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO ONCE ROGET THERE FIGURES OUT THEIR LANGUAGE.

GOOD AFTERNOON! I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'VE SEEN A YOUNG LADY WITH A MECHANICAL DOG, HAVE YOU?
WELL, THERE YOU ARE!
DOCTOR! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED A FEAST!
WITH THE JEWEL RECOVERED, OUR FRIENDS HERE BECAME MUCH LESS AGGRESSIVE, SO I INVITED THEM TO DINE WITH US.
NO HARD FEELINGS AND ALL THAT, RIGHT?
WELCOME-BACK-MASTER!
K-9
EXACTLY RIGHT!
JELLY BABY?
K-9
ENJOY YOUR DINNER, DOCTOR.
GOOD COMPANY IS SO HARD TO COME BY.


BREEP

POP

RELAX. WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE. RIGHT?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NO!

GET USED TO A LIFETIME OF EMPTY TABLES, DOCTOR. IT'S WHAT YOU DESERVE.

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